

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed on July 26, 2006, please find attached hereto a Petition To Revive an Unintentionally Abandoned Application. Applicants respectfully request that the Petition be granted and the above amendment and RCE entered.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this Application. Claims 1, 4, 10, 13, 16, 19 and 20 have been amended and new Claims 21-24 are presented for consideration by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims.

In response to the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13-17, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, Applicants respectfully submit that the above Amendments overcome the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4, 5-10, 13-17 and 19. The subject matter of Claims 11 and 20 is disclosed, for example, on Page 3, Lines 15-21. The inventive method can enhance corrosion resistance as well as adhesion to a subsequently applied coating, to a wide range of substrates including those having a chromated surface. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims satisfy 35 U.S.C. 112 and request withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicants believe that the claimed invention defines patentable subject matter and request issuance of a Notice of Allowability. Should there be any fee due in connection with this Response, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 15-0680 (Orscheln Management Co.). Should the Examiner deem that any further action on the part of Applicant would be desirable, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney.

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